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Amendment After Allowance
Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. §1.312 -
Examining Group 3731
CASE NO. 10593-4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Emin Tuncay Ustuner

Serial No.: 09/814,422

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: AUTOMATIC SURGICAL
SUTURING INSTRUMENT
AND METHOD

Examiner: B. Pantuck

Group Art Unit: 3731

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.312,
INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Allowance dated Sept. 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:



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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Interview Summary and Comments on Reasons for Allowance.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig A. Summerfield (Reg. No. 37,947)

Date

Oct. 1, 2002